

Wednesday, August 28, 1957

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate in day and night session debated House amendments to Senate amendments to civil rights bill.

House passed 16 miscellaneous bills.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 16185-16200

Bills Introduced: 11 bills and 3 resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2867-2877; S. J. Res. 131; and S. Res. 194-195. Pages 16185-16186

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H. R. 2654, private (S. Rept. 1153);

S. Res. 148, regarding conservation and development of land and water resources, with amendments (S. Rept. 1154);

H. R. 7900, to permit the sale of certain land in Ottawa County, Mich. (S. Rept. 1155);

H. R. 580, to authorize the exchange of certain lands in the State of Missouri (S. Rept. 1156); and

S. Res. 194, providing for printing as a Senate document of report of proceedings of 38th biennial convention of American Instructors of the Deaf (no written report). Page 16185

Bills Cleared for President: The following bills were cleared for the President in the manner indicated:

D. C. revenue: H. R. 6258, to revise the registration fees for certain auto trailers in D. C. (by concurrence in House amendment);

Veterans' pensions: S. 2080, computation of annual income for purpose of payment of pension for non-service-connected disability or death (by concurrence in House amendment);

D. C. hospital: H. R. 8918, relating to exchange of lands for site and construction of Sibley Memorial Hospital in D. C. (passage without amendment). Pages 16226, 16238-16239

D. C. Sobriety Tests: Senate disagreed to House amendments to S. 969, to prescribe weight to be given to evidence of alcohol in tests given to D. C. drivers, asked for conference with House, and appointed as conferees Senators Clark, Bible, and Javits. Page 16201

Conservation Anniversary: Senate disagreed to House amendments to S. J. Res. 35, relative to National Conservation Anniversary Commission, asked for confer-

ence with House, and appointed as conferees Senators Murray, Neuberger, Carroll, Malone, and Kuchel. Page 16242

Tungsten Prices: S. Res. 195, requesting Tariff Commission to make investigation regarding tungsten ore prices, was adopted without amendment. Page 16239

Disarmament: Subcommittee on Disarmament was authorized to file report following sine die adjournment. Page 16280

Civil Rights: Senate debated question of agreeing to House amendments to Senate amendments Nos. 7 and 15 to H. R. 6127, to protect the civil rights of persons within the jurisdiction of the U. S. Senate amendment No. 7 concerns use by Commission on Civil Rights of voluntary or uncompensated personnel and Senate amendment No. 15 concerns trial by jury for proceedings to punish criminal contempts of court growing out of civil rights cases. Pages 16184, 16201-16218, 16228-16237, 16261-16275

Confirmations: Senate confirmed 6 civilian nominations, including that of William Francis Quinn, to be Governor of Territory of Hawaii, and 1 judicial nomination. Page 16284

Nominations: Nomination of Gerard C. Smith, of D. C., to be an Assistant Secretary of State, was received, along with 3 Navy and 3 Marine Corps nominations, and 1 postmaster withdrawal. Page 16284

All-Night Session: Senate continued in session throughout the night on H. R. 6127, civil rights bill.

Committee Meetings

AIR FORCE SUPPLY SYSTEM

Committee on Government Operations: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations held hearings with regard to irregularities in the Air Force's supply system at bases in the Northeast Air Command, with testimony from Thomas G. Egan, member of the subcommittee staff; Maj. Gen. John D. Ryan, Director of Materiel, Strategic Air Command; Col. Loran Anderson, former Director of Materiel, Northeast Air Command; and

Lt. Gen. Glenn O. Barcus, Chief of Staff, U. S. Air Forces in Europe, and former commander of the Northeast Air Command. Today's hearing primarily concerned supply practices at Ernest Harmon Air Force Base in Newfoundland.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

LONG-RANGE MINERALS PROGRAM

Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs: Subcommittee on Minerals, Materials, and Fuels held further hearings on S. 2375, to provide a program for the development of the minerals resources of the U. S., its Territories and possessions, hearing testimony from John G.

Liebert, Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Interior for Mineral Resources. The witness explained the administration's recommendations with regard to this matter.

NOMINATION

Committee on Public Works: Continuing its hearings on the nomination of Arnold R. Jones, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the TVA, committee received testimony in opposition to the nominee from Representatives Elliott and Evins. The nominee was present to answer questions in his own behalf.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 14 public bills, H. R. 9499-9512; 5 private bills, H. R. 9513-9517; and 6 resolutions, H. J. Res. 453-458, were introduced.

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Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 275, amending H. Res. 157 of 85th Congress (H. Rept. 1264);

H. Res. 395, amending H. Res. 149 of 85th Congress (H. Rept. 1265);

H. Res. 412, to authorize the House Committee on Government Operations to conduct studies and investigations outside the United States during the 85th Congress (H. Rept. 1266);

H. Res. 384, amending H. Res. 104 of 85th Congress (H. Rept. 1267); and

Conference report on H. R. 9302, making appropriations for mutual security for fiscal year 1958 (H. Rept. 1268).

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Reconvening Date: Adopted H. J. Res. 453, providing for the reconvening of the 2d session of the 85th Congress on Tuesday, January 7, 1958, at 12 o'clock noon.

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D. C. Growth: H. Con. Res. 172, to establish a joint Congressional committee to investigate matters pertaining to the growth and expansion of the District of Columbia, was returned to the Senate after the House agreed to Senate amendments thereto with a House amendment.

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Cleared for President: The following bills were cleared for Presidential action by House agreement to Senate amendments thereto:

D. C. income taxes: H. R. 8256, to amend the D. C. Income and Franchise Tax Act of 1947;

Alaska: H. R. 6562, to enlarge boundaries of a certain reservation for the use of certain natives of Alaska;

Alaska: H. R. 6760, to grant to the Territory of Alaska title to certain lands beneath tidal waters;

Alaska: H. R. 3940, to grant certain land to the Territory of Alaska;

Farm acreage: H. R. 8030, to amend the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938 with respect to acreage history,

WAF: H. R. 3028, to provide for the relief of certain female members of the Air Force; and

Motor carriers: H. R. 3625, to prevent the use of arbitrary stock par values to evade Interstate Commerce Commission jurisdiction.

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Indians: Disagreed to Senate amendments to H. R. 6322, to provide that the dates for submission of plan for future control of property and transfer of the trust property of the Menominee Tribe shall be delayed; requested a conference with the Senate; and appointed as conferees Representatives Haley, Engle, Aspinall, Miller of Nebraska, and Berry.

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Consent Calendar: Passed the following bills on the call of the Consent Calendar:

Cleared for the President:

Nevada land conveyance: S. 1645, to grant easement in certain lands to city of Las Vegas, Nev.

Official franks: S. 2500, to make uniform the termination date for the use of official franks by former Members of Congress.

Sent to the Senate without amendment:

Government ethics: H. Con. Res. 175, proposing a Code of Ethics for Government Service.

Pennsylvania fish hatchery: H. R. 662, to establish a fish hatchery in the State of Pennsylvania.

Texas land conveyance: H. R. 7964, to remove the limitation on the use of certain real property heretofore conveyed to the city of Austin, Tex., by the United States.

Congressional retirement: H. R. 8606, to amend the Civil Service Retirement Act with respect to annuities of survivors of employees who are elected as Members of Congress.

Aircraft accident claims: H. R. 8868, relating to settlement of certain claims arising out of the crash of a U. S. aircraft at Worcester, Mass., on July 18, 1958.

Iowa lake conveyance: H. R. 8928, relating to conveyance of a certain lake or bayou situated near Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Mail route advertisements: H. R. 9240, to revise certain provisions of law relating to the advertisements of mail routes, and for other purposes.

Sent to the Senate amended:

Conservation anniversary: S. J. Res. 35, relative to National Conservation Anniversary Commission.

Wyoming irrigation: S. 1996, to approve contract with Casper-Alcova Irrigation District, Kendrick project, Wyoming.

North Carolina cemetery land: H. R. 1262, relating to use of certain lands for cemetery purposes in North Carolina.

Tennessee River compact: H. R. 6701, granting Congressional approval to the Tennessee River Basin Water Pollution Control Compact.

Migratory waterfowl: H. R. 6959, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with Federal and non-Federal agencies in the augmentation of natural food supplies for migratory waterfowl.

Congressional retirement: H. R. 8424, to include certain service performed for Members of Congress as annuitable service under the Civil Service Retirement Act.

The following bills were passed over without prejudice: S. 235, 1552, H. J. Res. 73, H. R. 109 (subsequently passed by unanimous-consent request), 4215, 8290, 8490, and 8547.

The following bills were objected to: H. R. 982 and 5497.

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Immigration: By a rollcall vote of 295 yeas to 58 nays the House suspended the rules and passed with an amendment S. 2792, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act.

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Jewish War Vets: Passed H. R. 109, to incorporate the Jewish War Veterans, U. S. A., National Memorial, Inc.

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Roosevelt, Theodore: Adopted and cleared for President S. J. Res. 18, requesting President to issue a proclamation in connection with centennial of birth of Theodore Roosevelt.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 2:35 p. m.

Committee Meetings

MILITARY REAL ESTATE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Real Estate and Construction met in executive session and heard representatives of the Departments of Defense and Air Force, respectively, with respect to rumored changes in the Wherry acquisition program.

AGRICULTURAL INVESTIGATIONS

Committee on Rules: In executive session ordered favorably reported to the House H. Res. 275, amending H. Res. 157, 85th Congress, authorizing the Agriculture Committee to make studies and investigations into various matters within the jurisdiction of such committee.

WAYS AND MEANS INVESTIGATIONS

Committee on Rules: In executive session ordered favorably reported to the House H. Res. 384, amending H. Res. 104, 85th Congress, authorizing the Ways and Means Committee to investigate all matters coming within the jurisdiction of such committee.

MERCHANT MARINE INVESTIGATIONS

Committee on Rules: In executive session ordered favorably reported to the House H. Res. 395, amending H. Res. 149, 85th Congress, authorizing the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee to conduct studies and investigations into various matters within the jurisdiction of such committee.

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INVESTIGATIONS

Committee on Rules: In executive session ordered favorably reported to the House H. Res. 412, authorizing the House Committee on Government Operations to conduct studies and investigations outside the United States during the 85th Congress.

Joint Committee Meetings

MUTUAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Conferees, in executive session, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H. R. 9302, fiscal 1958 appropriations for mutual security.